

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-8, 16, and 17 are presented for consideration, with claims 1, 4, 16, and 17 being independent.

Applicants note that claims 1-8, 16, and 17 have been indicated as allowable.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Restriction Requirement was made final and the Abstract was objected to for including two paragraphs.

By this amendment, non-elected claims 9-15 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and a new Abstract has been presented. In addition, claims 1, 3-8, 16 and 17 have been amended to correct formal errors. No new matter has been added.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Didas", written over a horizontal line.

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